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POLLUTION IN GANGA BASIN
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Municipalities and Municipal Corporations of the cities located on the banks of the rivers of Ganga Basin are releasing untreated water into rivers and are mainly responsible for polluting their water;

(b) if so, the details of the Municipalities and Municipal Corporations responsible for polluting the water of Ganga and Yamuna,the major rivers of the Ganga basin;

(c) the volume of the sewerage water drained into these rivers during the last three years and thereafter; and

(d) the action taken by the Government to rectify the situation?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T. R. BAALU)

(a), (b) & (c) It has been estimated that a quantity of 6910 million litres of sewage is generated every day by the Municipalities and Municipal Corporations of the cities located along the rivers in Ganga Basin. Out of this quantity, a capacity to treat about 3894 million litres per day of sewage has been created.

The volume of sewage partly treated and partly untreated, discharged during the last three years into Ganga from 73 Municipalities and Municipal Corporations is estimated as 2304 million litres per day and that discharged into Yamuna from 26 Municipalities and Municipal Corporations is estimated as 4178 million litres per day.

(d) A scheme of National River Conservation Plan is already under implementation byGovernment to clean the major rivers including those of the Ganga basin.